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The Outlook for 1896.
What may we expect of the new year?

To answer this question correctly it is necessary to view the situation during the past year, and, if possible, profit by the lessons of experience afforded for our future guidance.

"Homo sum, et nihil humani me alienum puto." I am a man, and whatever concerns humanity concerns me, and it follows, especially in these days of close welding of human interests by commercial facilities, that the trend of events in all quarters of the globe will have a more or less direct effect upon us as a local community.

The tendency of the nations of the earth at present is one of upheaval and unrest, of discontent; on the part of the masses a "divine discontent" with existing conditions everywhere. The reason for this is the education of the people along economic and altruistic lines, without corresponding enlightenment and progress on the part of the ruling and governing classes. This accounts for the trouble that characterizes the administration of affairs throughout the civilized world.

Of this dissatisfaction with things as they are, but need not be, we citizens of a republic of limitless possibilities have our full share. In the politics of these days of American misgovernment, party revolutions, "land-slides" they are termed, constitute about the only form of protest that the people can make, but party revolutions are now becoming tiresome, since no real reform or progress results, and the dissatisfaction is intensified. How can it be otherwise, with millions of human beings, our brothers and sisters, deprived of the means of decent living, and bearing burdens that are slowly crushing out hope and life even, despite all that charity organizations and individual kindness can accomplish? The only optimistic ray of hope that enlightens the coming year is that the masses are discontented, giving the crowned heads, the statesmen, the party leaders, no end of trouble to keep feudalism and slavery from being abolished.

No well-informed person has the least idea that we shall be afflicted with war. The President's message that has caused such a stir, clearly and logically means—more bonds, deeper debt slavery, greater misery, harder times, and for what? That a privileged class, already gorged with brutal luxury, may draw yet more interest from the struggling and depleted masses.

The war message, aside from serving a purpose to divert attention from past political blunders, is so evidently part of a plan to swell the ill-gotten gains of Wall Street schemers and pamper idlers generally, that after the first spasmodic response of jingoist patriotism, a deep and disgust follows.

With an increasing volume of bonds in time of peace, with attacks upon a National Credit not in the least impaired by a costly war, with such assaults by one in authority whose sworn duty it is to foster the good name of the republic, the future, viewed from the standpoint of material welfare, looks dark.

Why should a man, one of two or more selected for us by politicians, have such power, greater than that exercised by, or which dare be claimed or wielded by most of the hereditary monarchs of the present day? This is one question for an enlightened and unthought American citizenship to answer during the year.

Closely allied to political and material are moral questions.

From time immemorial the human race has tried to achieve happiness by worshipping the Prince of this World. The temptation of Christ in the wilderness has been re-enacted, with the difference that humanity has not resisted the devil of selfishness, and as a necessary sequence, has received the devil's wages, which is the sure recompense for breaking those laws of equity which were so clearly taught by Christ. "The way of the transgressor is hard."

A dim perception of this accounts for religious revivals in times of panic. Then the people realize that mammon is a hard master, an unyielding god, and turn with a despairing look to the Source of all-abiding happiness, but only to forget the bitter lesson with the lapse of time, and to doubt again that righteousness only can

exalt a nation and insure happiness; deluded once more into believing that there can be material welfare based upon other foundation than altruistic justice.

However, when on the threshold of '96 we turn to the signs of spiritual awakening, we see some hope for the betterment of social life and character. Never in the history of this country has there been apparent such a disposition on the part of the ministers of the Christian Church to examine in the light of Divine Truth the causes of human misery. Within the corresponding decade of a century ago, when France, the oldest and proudest and most despotic of monarchies, was in the throes of crisis, her religion was of no avail, her priests of no account, neither in counseling or comforting her people, nor in staying the vengeance of a long postponed day of retribution. They and religion itself, for the time being, were engulfed in the cataclysm of Robespierre's sanguinary regime.

But now in 1896, the Christian minister is a factor in the solution of social and industrial problems. While "Christian Citizenship" may endeavor conscientiously to cure the disease by attacking the symptoms and thus working superficially, the heart of Christianity beats in full sympathy with the most radical principles of Social Democracy.

And this, after all, is the buoyant hope that brightens and alone sustains the republic in these days of her trial and temptation. As knowledge becomes broadened, and the awakened conscience of the people is applied directly to the removal of the iniquities under which we suffer, through legislative enactments apart from the control of politicians, we may confidently expect then that "old things shall pass away and all things become new."

To hasten that day we shall devote our best energies, feeling that in no better way can the welfare of humanity be promoted.

They Saw the Old Year Out.
Bloomfield Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., has met on Tuesday evenings for more than a quarter of a century. A change has been made in the by-laws, so that they are now to meet upon the first and third Wednesdays. The last day of the old year falling on Tuesday, and that being the last communication of the lodge upon that day, they concluded that the meeting should take the form of a celebration which was at once unique and interesting. The entertainment committee, Samuel O. Hayter, Walter L. Tower, N. H. Dodd, Thad. Gemin and John Sandy, at once worked upon a programme which was very interesting and made the affair the most successful of its kind in Bloomfield.

It took the form of a watch night service, but in reality was a sociable given by the lodge to its friends. "At Home" cards were sent out and the warm greetings extended to the assembled guests gave a home-like feeling that was congenial and lasting. Land & Co., of Broad street, Newark, kindly loaned one of their best pianos, which gave forth tones rich in melody, in the overture by Mr. Albert Seibert. After a brief sketch by the Chairman of the objects of the meeting, Rev. Dr. Leroy Lockwood, Chaplain of the lodge, made an address which breathed forth the spirit of brotherly love and gave the key-note for the entertainment.

Mr. Frank Benson rendered selections upon the violin with Mr. Albert Barnes, accompanist upon the piano. Mr. Benson's artistic touch called forth encores that were deserved. An interesting paper was read by Edwin A. Rayner which showed deep thought and careful study. Mr. J. W. Noble, baritone, in his rendition of the bugles added very much to the occasion. But the stories as told by Mr. Millard Kitt, of Canton, O., and Judge Green, were almost beyond description. Mr. Kitt demonstrated a wonderful talent in dialect in his imitation of the Scandinavians. That broken English had a direct effect upon one's sides. Judge Green has an easy way of sliding into your confidence and then just cranking jokes after joke into you, that it did not seem as if you had room for any more. R. W. Bro. John H. Wilkins, D. G. M., of the 6th Masonic District, made an address upon Masonry and before its conclusion became very personal, inasmuch that he called W. Bro. Walter Tower up before him, and before he could catch his breath, had presented him with a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the brethren of Bloomfield Lodge. The jewel is of rich gold and exquisite workmanship and is no more beautiful in exhibiting the skill of the workman than in exemplifying the love and esteem in which Mr. W. L. Tower is held by his brethren of Bloomfield Lodge. Refreshments were served in abundance, but the intellectual feast was too good for anyone to have while the stories of Mr. Kitt and Judge Green were circulating, so it was only when they were stored that the viands had any chance for consumption.

As the old year and the new met in conjunction, hand shaking and happy new year greetings were indulged in and then all sang with much feeling "Ould Lang Syne." If there had been a clock for the people its hand would have pointed to one before there was any general disposition to go home.

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Christmas Entertainments.

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Perhaps many persons do not know that there is such a thing in Bloomfield as the Union Kindergarten, established in November by the King's Daughters of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge. It is certainly a reality, and it would be accepted as a fact by one who visited the little Mission Room in the Bowers on Friday afternoon, December 27, where the children of the Kindergarten, and their various mothers, were being entertained by not only one but two Christmas trees. The smaller of the two was presented by their teacher, Miss Katherine Cook, being decorated largely by the children's own handwork. The room was also very tastefully festooned with yards of various colored paper chains, these too having been made mostly by the Kindergarten children. The second tree reached from floor to ceiling and was filled with decorations as well as gifts for the little ones. The larger articles were piled high under the branches of the tree on the floor. These gifts were very kindly donated, some from a friend in Bloomfield, also a very large quantity from the Congregational Church of Glen Ridge. After the welcome song by its children (during which time the candles were lighted) came recitations, carols, a very pretty waltz-dance, and other exercises, the children showing how wonderfully Miss Cook has succeeded in training them in so short a time. This was followed by the distribution of some little paper stars and calendars the children had made at the school for their mothers. Then the gifts from the tree were distributed, each child (there being thirty members) provided with three articles. Among them there were the most bewitching dolls, dolls, tops, books and everything to delight a child's heart. Lastly came the bestowing of ice cream, lemonade, cake, bananas, apples and stock. The age of candles, the mothers also receiving their share of the feast.

On Thursday afternoon the infant class of the First Church held their Christmas entertainment in the church parlor where Santa Claus appeared and presented each child with a pretty gift, as well as candy and oranges which were taken off a gift-bearing Christmas tree. On Friday evening there was a large gathering in the church auditorium where the older scholars held their Christmas festival. Six brownies created a great deal of amusement by their antics and were perfect representations of the mischievous little elf of Palmer Cox's famous Brownie books. The children took the audience by storm when eight little white angels in their night-dresses and caps, marching around the platform with candles in their hands. After going through some graceful little manoeuvres they advanced to the front of the stage and sang their best-time songs. The choir gave delightful carols, and after a very brief address by the Pastor candles were distributed to the masses by the representative brownies, and the merriment and pleasing entertainment was over.

On Saturday night Christ Church Sunday School held its entertainment. Mr. White, the Rector, and Rev. Mr. Sherman of St. Stephen's Newark, addressed the children briefly, and as the Christmas tree was unveiled a trio of little angels sang "We Three Kings of Orient are." After each child received its gift a great commotion was heard outside and old Santa appeared laden down with gifts which he proceeded to distribute to every child in the audience. For a short time the children were allowed to have everything their own way and if noise was an evidence of a good time they were having it beyond doubt. But a word from the Superintendent soon quieted them and the Rector was presented with a communication to be used when administering to the sick, and a sum of money with which to buy a bicycle. Mr. Wade, the organist, received a present of money and a handsome set of brushes. The janitor was also remembered.

The Westminster School instead of having an orthodox Christmas tree celebrated by having a clothes-pin party and passed a merry evening.

On the last Sunday of the year interesting services were held by the First Church Sunday School. An address was made by Rev. Mr. Bliss of Upper Montclair, and an original poem was read by Rev. Dr. Lockwood. A Christmas carol was sung by the little Hayward twins in such a cunning way that all the audience broke into loud applause which did not in the least disconcert them. This was followed by a duet by two little misses, one taking the alto and the other the soprano, and then came the song "Annie Van Tassel played their accompaniment. Lessons were dispensed with and after singing by the school and a prayer by Mr. DeBrow, the Superintendent, the school was dismissed until 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Ward entertained a party of eighteen young people at dinner at the Hotel Majestic on last Saturday evening, after which the "Minkie" contest at Carnegie Hall acted on the programme. This is a variation from the usual way in which Mr. Ward entertains his Sunday School class, but all told it one of the most enjoyable of a series of pleasant entertainments in previous holidays.

On New Year's eve a reunion of the Madison family was held at the residence of Mr. Robert Madison, on Bay Avenue. A play called a "Box of Monkeys" was given by the younger members of the family with great success, and was altogether a pleasant page in the annals of the family.

The Sabbath School of the Congregational Church held their Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening. The little folks sang a carol under the beautifully decorated tree and pieces were spoken by Maria White, Claudia Smith, Earl Langstroth, George Jamison, David Hamilton, Margaret Ward and Harold Garlock. Each child brought a present to be sent to some one, which with the tree was sent to the Kindergarten on lower Glenwood Avenue.

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The patronesses were Mrs. Thomas Oakes, who wore a magnificent gown of yellow brocade satin with white lace trimmings and diamond ornaments; Mrs. Lee Stout in blue silk, Mrs. Charles F. Harrison, who wore a gown of cream satin, and Mrs. Duffield attired in black silk and net. At five minutes before midnight the music played "Old Lang Syne" very slowly. Just as the bells rang in the new year the music changed into a lively two-step, and the floor was soon filled with flying couples. Among those present were noticed Miss Page, who wore a waist of blue brocade satin trimmed with ermine and jet, and black satin skirt, Miss Marion Duncan in white silk with sable trimming, Miss Fireng, white organdie over blue silk, and Miss Josephine Cook in pink silk. After the welcome song by the children, Miss Darling and Miss Ludlum from New York, Miss Grant from Bergen Point, and Miss Richards also from New York.

The dancing was kept up until an early hour on New Year's morning. The next assembly will take place probably some time in February.

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